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Marshall faculty and staff achievements

BOB BICKEL and TONY WILLIAMS of the Department of Educational Leadership and SUSAN WEAVER of the Department of Sociology are co-authors of a paper titled "Opportunity, Community, and Teen Pregnancy in an Appalachian State." The paper has been accepted for publication by The Journal of Educational Research. Linda Lange of Sacred Heart University also is a co-author.

Dr. W. BLAKER BOLLING, professor of management, recently presented a case study titled "J.H. Fletcher & Co." at the annual meeting of the North American Case Research Association held in Orlando, Fla. He is also serving as membership chair for the Southeast Case Research Association, a regional division of the international organization.

Dr. LYNNE WELCH, dean of the School of Nursing, represented the West Virginia Kellogg Community Partnership at the ninth biennial International Conference on Quality Assessment in Health Professions Education held recently in Manila, the Philippines. She made a presentation titled "Community Partnerships for Health Professions Education: The West Virginia Experience" at the meeting. WELCH presented a paper on distance learning at the November ACAFAD meeting (Academic Affairs Administrators) held in Chattanooga, Tenn. She chaired a citywide cancer nursing committee that planned and implemented the third annual Cancer Nursing Conference held in October. The conference was sponsored by the West Virginia Nurses Association (D9) and the Cabell Unit of the American Cancer Society and co-sponsored by the Marshall University and St. Mary's Hospital schools of

nursing, Cabell Huntington Hospital, Hospice, the Huntington VA Medical Center and St. Mary's Hospital. More than 120 nurses and other health professionals attended the conference. WELCH also presented two papers at the Australian Rural Nurses Association held in November in Toowoomba, Queensland. The papers were titled "Community Based Health Professions Education" and "Distance Learning."

WYLMA C. SKEAN, assistant professor of business and office technology, Dr. DON P. HOLDREN, professor of finance/economics, and Dr. WENDELL E. SWEETSER, assistant professor of economics, had a paper titled "An Examination Into the Use of Computer Proficiency/Literacy Examinations" accepted for presentation at the Eastern Finance Association annual meeting to be held in April in Charlotte, N.C.

MILDRED BATTLE, assistant professor of developmental and general studies, received the West Virginia Community College Association 1995 Award in Recognition of Outstanding Contributions to Community College Education in West Virginia. The presentation was made during the association's annual meeting held recently in Parkersburg. BATTLE served on the association's Executive Board this year. She also served as president of the West Virginia Association for Developmental Education which was recognized as the outstanding chapter in the nation by the National Association for Developmental Education. She will continue on the WVADE board as past president and adviser during the 1995-96 term. Most recently, BATTLE was selected for Faculty Merit Performance at Marshall.

The Parthenon available on World Wide Web

The news about Marshall University is getting out — to the world. Marshall's student newspaper, The Parthenon, now is available on the Internet's World Wide Web.

Huntington senior Matt Turner, The Parthenon's on-line editor, said the on-line version of the newspaper, The Parthenon-LINE, has been available on the web since Oct. 31. It is the first newspaper in West Virginia to publish on the World Wide Web, he said.

The electronic paper is updated with campus news each day. The Parthenon is published — usually Tuesday through Friday when school is in session.

"The Parthenon actually has been on the Internet since January with a newsgroup and an electronic mail address," Turner said. "The web pages now allow us to make our stories available almost instantly to, quite literally, the world."

Turner said he recommends using the Netscape 1.1 or newer web browser software for viewing The Parthenon-LINE, although text-based browsers will work.

The Internet address (URL) for The Parthenon is "http://www.marshall.edu/parthenon/". Electronic mail may be sent to "parthenon@marshall.edu" or to Turner at "turner6@marshall.edu".

"This is a way for people off campus to find out what's happening at Marshall," Turner said. "I've received comments from people who said, 'Hey, this is great . . . we're glad to be able to read about Marshall from where we are.'"

"I've received mail from people in Colorado, Florida, Texas, Virginia and elsewhere who found our site and let me know they looked forward to reading about Marshall." Turner said access to The Parthenon isn't limited to current students, faculty and alumni. "People who aren't familiar with Marshall easily can access information about what's happening on campus. Prospective students who are looking at Marshall can check out just what happens at Marshall with a click of the mouse."

Turner doesn't think electronic newspapers will replace the print versions. The Parthenon-LINE stories and photos are taken

from the printed newspaper. He said the on-line paper is an accessory to the print version.

News, sports and opinion articles are taken directly from print pages and put on the web pages, but it's no easy task, Turner said.

"The technology constantly is changing," the journalism and mass communications major said. "Right now, it's in an experimental stage. Lots of items will be updated and improved with time."

Turner said The Parthenon's web page has been accessed more than 1,000 times since its beginning. He said he expects the number of "hits" to the page to increase as word gets out that The Parthenon now is on-line.

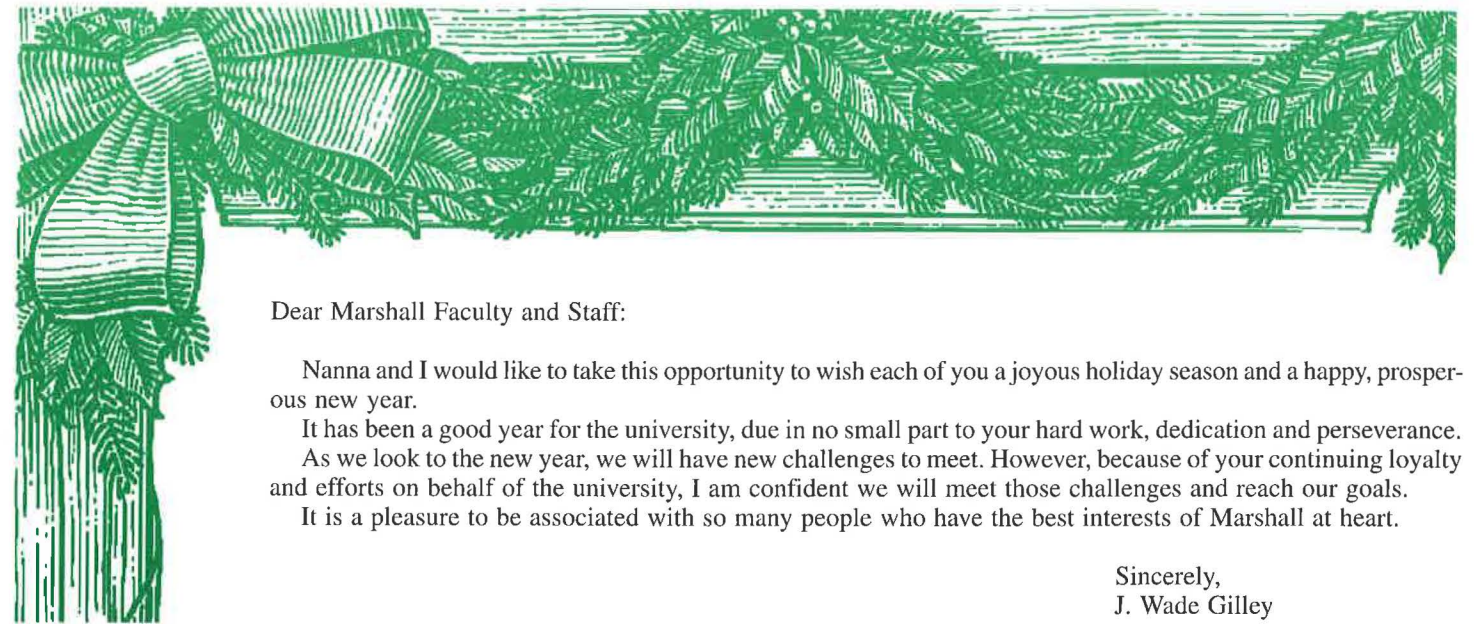
Donations of food sought

Marshall University is once again assisting the Huntington City Mission in collecting canned goods for the preparation of food baskets to be given to needy families in our community during the Christmas holidays, according to Sherry Brooks, project coordinator for the SCORES Program.

Boxes for the collection of canned goods have been placed in Corbly Hall, Memorial Student Center, Prichard Hall, Jenkins Hall, Harris Hall, the Science Building, Morrow Library, Old Main, Smith Hall, the School of Medicine and the Community and Technical College Building.

Brooks said monetary donations for the purchase of toys for underprivileged children also will be accepted. Monetary donations can be sent to the Marshall University Staff Council Office or the SCORES Office in care of Brooks. Checks should be made payable to the Huntington City Mission. Faculty and staff members also might want to choose to support a child from the Christmas tree in Memorial Student Center.

"We would appreciate the support of the entire campus community for these very important projects," said Brooks.



Dear Marshall Faculty and Staff:

Nanna and I would like to take this opportunity to wish each of you a joyous holiday season and a happy, prosperous new year.

It has been a good year for the university, due in no small part to your hard work, dedication and perseverance. As we look to the new year, we will have new challenges to meet. However, because of your continuing loyalty and efforts on behalf of the university, I am confident we will meet those challenges and reach our goals.

It is a pleasure to be associated with so many people who have the best interests of Marshall at heart.

Sincerely,
J. Wade Gilley

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Ashland Foundation pledges \$1 million to MU

The Ashland Inc. Foundation has pledged its third \$1 million contribution to Marshall University since 1986.

John R. Hall, chairman and chief executive officer of Ashland Inc., notified Marshall President J. Wade Gilley of the pledge and indicated the donation will be paid over a five-year period, beginning in the fall of 1996.

Hall said the money will be divided equally between the university's Society of Yeager Scholars academic program, which

the foundation has supported since its inception in 1986, and Marshall's planned high-technology library.

"Over the years, The Ashland Inc. Foundation has assisted nearly every program on the Marshall campus," Gilley said. "Since 1979, the foundation and the company have given Marshall more than \$3.5 million, not including the latest contribution. When the university launched the Yeager Scholars program, The Ashland Inc. Foundation donated \$25,000 to help get the program off the ground, and, then, a few months later, contributed \$1 million to the program."

The first class of Yeager Scholars was named the Ashland Class in honor of the foundation's generosity.

In 1990, Ashland pledged its second \$1 million to the Yeager Scholars, a commitment that has been fulfilled.

The foundation also encourages employee involvement by matching employees' gifts to education on a \$1-for-\$1 basis.

Gilley said Ashland Inc. and the foundation provide leadership in addition to financial support.

"During 1989-92, John R. Hall was national chairman for The Campaign for Marshall which secured \$11.4 million in donations

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Physical plant director named

O. Dale Allman of Charlton Heights, W. Va., has been named director of Marshall University's physical plant, according to Dr. K. Edward Grose, senior vice president for operations at Marshall.

Allman has served as director of the physical plant at West Virginia Institute of Technology in Montgomery since 1983.

A 1957 graduate of Buckhannon-Upshur High School, Allman received bachelor's degrees from Glenville State College and West Virginia University. He also completed additional studies in secondary education at WVU and completed numerous seminars and programs in subjects related to energy conservation, heating and cooling systems and construction.

Prior to accepting a position at West Virginia Institute of Technology, he worked as a corporation officer, estimator, purchasing

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Allman

Reception set for Brown

Jane Brown, accounting manager in the Controller's Office, is announcing her retirement after working at Marshall University for 20 years.

A reception will be held in her honor Thursday, Jan. 4, from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Shawkey Room in Memorial Student Center.

Everyone is invited to attend the reception and congratulate Jane on her retirement.

Marshall faculty and staff achievements

Dr. GARY O. RANKIN, professor of pharmacology, was an invited speaker at the Second Symposium on the Role of Drug Metabolism and Pharmacokinetic Research in New Drug Development. The symposium took place at the Korea Institute of Science and Technology in October. RANKIN spoke on the toxicological aspects of drug metabolism in drug development.

Dr. LORENZO GONZALEZ-LAVIN, professor of surgery, was an invited speaker at the second meeting of the Society for Cardiovascular Surgery of Andalucia in Malaga, Spain, in September. He spoke on "Reconstruction of the Aortic Root Utilizing Homografts, Heterografts, or Autografts." He also participated in a round-table discussion on myocardial preservation and was made an honorary member of the society.

Foundation makes pledge

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to Marshall," Gilley said. "He has been actively involved as a director of the Society of Yeager Scholars and has worked diligently to secure grants for the program.

"His wife, Donna, also has donated her time and talents, serving as co-chair of Marshall's Arts Gala 1992, a benefit for our fine and performing arts programs, and was honorary chairperson for Arts Gala 1994. We greatly appreciate the continuing support from the foundation, the company and the Halls," Gilley said.

John Hall was awarded an honorary Doctor of Science degree during the 1987 Marshall Commencement and, in 1992, the university named its Old Main facility that houses programs for outstanding undergraduate students The John R. Hall Center for Academic Excellence.

Gilley said the Ashland gift moves the university closer to its \$7 million goal in private gifts for construction of a library that, in addition to serving traditional needs for research, will serve as an "on-ramp" to the Information Superhighway, bringing the world's resources to the area via dedicated fiber optic cables.

Physical plant director named

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agent and project manager for Paul E. Lehman Inc. in Chambersburg, Pa., and taught mathematics at Nicholas County High School and Richwood High School.

He has been involved in various community and professional organizations and is past president of Lions clubs in Pennsylvania and Montgomery. He also is past president of the West Virginia Association of Physical Plant Administrators. Allman has been a master mason since 1969.

As director of Marshall's physical plant, Allman will be responsible for the operation of a department that includes the administration of approximately 150 employees, 32 academic buildings and 205 acres of grounds.

"I am confident Dale will do an excellent job at Marshall," said Grose. "It is important to have an experienced person as director of the physical plant since we have just finished some major construction projects and currently are preparing for the demolition of Northcott Hall to make way for a new technologically sophisticated library. Dale's many years of experience in the construction industry as well as his experience directing a college physical plant will be a tremendous asset for the university."

Dr. HERBERT TESSER, Weisberg professor and chair of the Computer Science and Software Development Department, recently received a NASA EPSCoR grant to conduct research in image processing. The effort focuses on the development of techniques to precisely register and merge imagery with other forms of data. The grant is a cooperative effort with West Virginia University. Marshall's component is valued at \$15,000. TESSER attended the annual meeting of the Computer Science Accreditation Commission (CSAC) held recently in Dallas, Texas. TESSER serves as team chairman and commissioner for CSAC, the national committee responsible for accrediting computer science programs.

Dr. FRANK S. GILLIAM, associate professor in the Department of Biological Sciences, recently had three articles published in Ecological Applications: "Impacts of forest management on plant diversity" (5:911-912) co-authored by Dr. Mark R. Roberts of the University of New Brunswick, Canada; "Herbaceous-layer and overstory species in clear-cut and mature central Appalachian hardwood forests" (5:947-955) co-authored by NICOLE L. TURRILL, former graduate student in the Biological Sciences Department, and Dr. Mary Beth Adams of the USDA Forest Service in Parsons; "Patterns and mechanisms of plant diversity in forested ecosystems: implications for forest management" (5:969-977) co-authored by Dr. Mark K. Roberts. The articles were part of a special feature based on a symposium given at the 1993 annual meeting of the Ecological Society of America. The symposium, organized by GILLIAM and Roberts, brought together prominent forest ecologists from throughout North America.

Dr. MICHAEL P. CASTELLANI of the Department of Chemistry presented a seminar titled "Polyphenylcyclopentadienyl Transition Metal Complexes" to the Department of Chemistry at Ohio State University on Nov. 30.

Dr. WILLIAM N. DENMAN, professor and chair of communication studies, and Dr. ROBERT F. EDMUNDS, associate professor of communication studies, attended the 81st annual meeting of the Speech Communication Association held Nov. 18-21 in San Antonio, Texas. DENMAN presented a paper titled "Bridging the Gap: Teaching a Basic Public Speaking Class over Satellite Television."

Dr. TONY SZWILSKI, professor of environmental engineering and science in the Center for Environmental, Geotechnical and Applied Sciences, presented a paper titled "Mine Health and Safety in China: A United Nations Project" at the second International Conference on Mine Health and Safety held Nov. 12 in Pittsburgh, Pa. SZWILSKI has been chief technical adviser to the International Labor Organization, United Nations, for mine health and safety in China since 1992.

Letter of appreciation

Dear Marshall Faculty and Staff:

Your kind expressions of sympathy and friendship will always remain in our memories. Thank you for your thoughtfulness. The flowers were beautiful.

Sincerely,
Jane Mitchell, Karen Mitchell

Cleckley to speak at King memorial service

A rally and the traditional candlelight march and memorial service in observance of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. holiday will be held in Huntington Monday, Jan. 15, beginning at 4 p.m. at Huntington High School, Eighth Street and Ninth Avenue, according to Michael Thomas, president of the Cabell County/Huntington chapter of the NAACP.

The activities are being held in conjunction with the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. Symposium being sponsored by Marshall University, the City of Huntington and the Cabell County/Huntington chapter of the NAACP.

Thomas said the program symbolizes Dr. King's ideals and the great need for freedom, justice, equality and human dignity in the community, state, nation and world.

The rally will begin at 4 p.m. at Huntington High School and will be followed by the candlelight march. Participants will march to the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church where the memorial service will be held beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Justice Franklin D. Cleckley of the West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals will be the guest speaker for the memorial service.

Faculty, staff can get discount on MU cookbook

Looking for a Christmas gift that will fit every size and every taste? How about a copy of "From Campus to Kitchen," a collection of nearly 800 recipes published to raise money for the Marshall University scholarship fund?

"This cookbook has everything," said Linda S. Holmes, director of the Office of Alumni Affairs which is marketing the book. "Not only are there delicious recipes, there are hints on using herbs and other edible plants, Marshall historical facts, a trivia quiz and sports notes."

The spiral-bound cookbook includes: appetizers, beverages, soups and salads, breads, main courses, side dishes, desserts and tailgating. The collection includes recipes from Marshall alumni, faculty, staff, students and friends, plus all of Marshall's living past presidents and a number of political figures.

Two editions of "From Campus to Kitchen" are available at Marshall's Erickson Alumni Center: the regular edition, priced at \$24.95, and an autographed edition, complete with gold gift box, for \$40. Shipping and handling is \$3.95 per book. The West Virginia sales tax is applicable to all books purchased at the Erickson Alumni Center or mail-ordered by West Virginia residents.

Through Dec. 18, Marshall faculty and staff will receive a 30 percent discount making the cost of the book \$18.51 or \$29.69 for the special edition.

Books may be purchased at the Erickson Alumni Center, 1731 5th Ave., or ordered by calling 304-696-3134.

Check distribution set

Paychecks for all employees for the period ending Dec. 31 will be distributed Friday, Dec. 29, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Payroll Office, Old Main Room 205, according to Sharon Rutherford, director of payroll and sponsored programs.

Entry to Old Main will only be available through the south entrance (adjacent to Northcott Hall). Employees must show a university identification card before the check can be released.

If someone other than yourself will be picking up your check, you must notify the Payroll Office in writing by Wednesday, Dec. 20.

Checks not picked up on Dec. 29 will be distributed to departments through normal channels on Tuesday, Jan. 2.

Cleckley was named to the West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals by Governor Gaston Caperton on May 3, 1994. He is the first African American justice in West Virginia history.

A graduate of Huntington High School, Cleckley received his law degree from the Indiana University School of Law. After three years of outstanding service as a Navy legal officer, where he was labeled "the most requested lawyer in Vietnam," he was admitted to the Harvard Law School where he earned a master's degree in law.

He joined the law faculty at West Virginia University in 1969 and became the first African American full professor in WVU's history in 1972. In 1985 he was appointed the first holder of the Arthur B. Hodges Chair of Law at the university.

In addition to teaching at WVU, Cleckley also has been a visiting professor at the University of Maryland Law School, the Mercer University Law School, the Louisiana University Law School, the Marshall Whythe School of Law, the Mississippi School of Law and the Syracuse University College of Law.

Cleckley is widely known for his writings in different areas of the law. Among his current works are "Handbook on Evidence for West Virginia Lawyers," "Handbook on West Virginia Criminal Procedure" and "Medical Care and the Law." As the original reporter for the West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals, he was the drafter of the West Virginia Rules of Evidence, the West Virginia Rules of Criminal Procedure and the 1984 Revisions of the Local Rules--United States District Court for the Northern District of West Virginia.

He has served as chair of the Legal Redress Committee for the West Virginia NAACP and chair of the NAACP Legal Advisory Committee. In 1987 at the 78th national convention of the NAACP in New York, he was presented the William Robert Ming Award, the highest honor given to an attorney by the NAACP. In the same year, he was the recipient of the T.G. Nutter Award presented by the West Virginia State Conference of the NAACP. He also has the distinction of being the first Martin Luther King Jr. Fellow of the Woodrow Wilson Fellowship Foundation. In 1979, Cleckley was one of five nominees for the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit.

The Franklin D. Cleckley Foundation, a nonprofit organization designed to help former convicts with educational and employment opportunities, was created in 1990. The Franklin D. Cleckley Symposium at West Virginia University was created in 1992 to bring distinguished members of the civil rights and African American community together to discuss topics of current interest. At Mercer University, an award in Cleckley's honor is presented to the attorney in Macon, Ga., who makes the best effort at public and community service.

Cleckley has served as president of the American Academy of Judicial Education and president of the Mountain State Bar Association. He has served on many boards of directors and committees for local, state and national organizations.

Known as "the poor man's Perry Mason" for his work in criminal cases, Cleckley is the only lawyer in West Virginia history to earn public service awards from all of the state's major bar associations. He has received numerous awards and honors and was the recipient of the West Virginia Common Cause Award for Public Service in 1994.

Following Cleckley's presentation, the winner of the annual Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. Scholars Award competition will be announced. The scholars award recipient will discuss the winning essay.

The program will be open to the public free of charge. To obtain further details contact the Marshall University Office of Multicultural and International Programs, 304-696-5430 or 304-696-4677. A reception will be held at the church after the service.